



**TA Board of Directors Meeting
07/09/2024**

Call to Order

- Julie Wolfe welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Roll Call to Establish Quorum

- Shannon Britt called the roll.
- Present were: Woody Weddington, Patricia Medlin, and Julie Wolfe.
- Absent were: Christy Hopkins and Dave Wyatt.
- Staff present were: Cathy Gantz, Thomas Academy Principal, Marc Murphy, BGH CEO, Daniel Nolan, BGH CFO, and Shannon Britt, Thomas Academy Administrative Assistant.
- Parent(s) present were: None.

Pledge of Allegiance

- Julie Wolfe led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading of the Vision

- Julie Wolfe read the TA Vision and Mission Statement.

Consider and Approve Current Agenda

- Woody Weddington moved to approve the agenda for June 2024. Patricia Medlin seconded and the motion passed.

Consider and Approve Minutes for Last Month.

- Patricia Medlin moved to amend minutes to delete the action item. Woody Weddington seconded and motion passed.

Public Comments

- No public comments.

Director of Education/Principal Report- Dr. Cathy Gantz

◆ **Student Enrollment:**

Projected Student Enrollment for 2024-2025: Eighty-two+.

New Enrollment this summer: Plus 5 students: 2 Community and 3 Residential students.

TA has served over 102 students this year and 30 of these students have been foster.

Thomas Academy Graduates for June 2024: 14 - 12th graders, 60.9 % graduation rate. Seniors who did not graduate have the opportunity to attend Bladen Community College Adult High School at no cost to the student. They can attend on campus, virtually, and/or the Clarkton satellite site. One of the five seniors who did not graduate has chosen to return to TA first semester. Bladen Community College (Adult High School Diploma).

Updates: One senior is attending BCC this summer. Three are planning to attend in the fall.

◆ **Student Activities:**

- Enrollment in vocational education classes offered on TA's campus by Southeastern Community College. Vocational Education opportunities offered to TA first semester students 2024 include Agri-Business and HVACR (For students in grades 11 and 12). These classes are for Juniors and seniors. Auto Mechanics will be offered on Mondays and Wednesdays after 12 noon to students in grades: 9 and 10.
- Our new JROTC instructor is SGT. Jason Ward and our new MS Math teacher is Ms. Ashlee Smith. TA's HS Math position and the School Counselor's position are being advertised. MS Core teachers will teach on SS class during their 5-hour class day.

◆ **Professional Development:**

- Raleigh Triangle International will offer two complimentary sessions of professional development this fall. Teachers will work in three groups to complete a weekly agenda, develop long range planning, and determine how they will collect data and analyze data.
- Teaching Family Model Professional Development Training for all faculty and staff will take place in late July and early August.

◆ **Student/School Success:**

- Student Attendance monitoring for 2024 - 2025 school year will begin on August 5th, 2024. Intervention meetings will be scheduled as needed per TA's

attendance policy. Our CEO/President, Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), and Department of Social Services (DSS) will continue to partner with us to address student truancy. These meetings have had a positive effect on student attendance, grades, and behaviors.

◆ **Upcoming:**

- NC Bold will offer a two-day Digital Teaching and Learning Conference in each of the educational regions throughout our state in Cumberland County on July 24th and 25th.
- Two TA teachers will attend the 2024 Growing Success for Multi-Learners for Academic Success Summer Conference, Topsail Beach in-person July 23rd - July 25th .
- Take a Peek at your schedule, Thursday, August 1st, 4 - 6 pm, TA Board approval pending.
- Friday, August 2nd, Staff Appreciation Day.
- Teaching Family Model Professional Development will take place in late July early August for three days.
- Thomas Academy Teachers will return for the 2024 - 2025 school year on Monday, July 29th and students will return on Monday, August 5th .

◆ **Action Items:**

1. Parent/Student Handbook including attendance policy updates as amended in the meeting. Please see attachment.
 - Woody Weddington moved to approve action item 1. Patricia Medlin seconded and the motion passed.
2. A request to change Take a Peek at your Schedule from Friday, August 2nd to Thursday, August 1st from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM.
 - Patricia Medlin moved to approve action item 2. Woody Weddington seconded and the motion passed.
3. Introduction of a TA Board of Directors Candidate, Dr. Terri Duncan for consideration. Please see attachment.
 - Patricia Medlin moved to invite the Candidate, Dr. Terri Duncan to the TA Board of Directors. Woody Weddington seconded and the motion passed.

◆ **Attachments/Requests:**

1. IPG Monthly Report for June. Please see attachment.

Daniel Nolan - Chief Financial Officer

- Daniel Nolan reviewed the Financial Report that had been provided to the members.

Public Adjournment

- Woody Weddington motioned to adjourn the public meeting. Pat Medlin seconded and the motion passed.